GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6212
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
FUNDS FOR EXPORT PROMOTION
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;K.H. MUNIYAPPA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have provided Rs. 300 crore to the State Governments in the budget for the year 2001-2002 to gear up the exports;

(b) if so, whether any modalities have been worked out for the distribution of funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the exports are likely to improve during the financial year 2001-2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a): A provision of Rs. 97 Crore has been proposed for the` Scheme for Central Assistance to the States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Other Allied Activities` in the budget for 2001-02. The funds may be used by the States for the development of cold chains from the farms to the ports/airports and setting up of primary processing centres for grading, packaging etc. for promoting agri exports, development of complementary infrastructure such as roads connecting the production centres with the ports, creation of new export promotion industrial parks and augmenting facilities in the existing ones, research, development and marketing including development of design centres of state specific ethnic products etc.

(b) & (c): The question of distribution of this amount amongst States will arise only after the provision is formally approved. However the distribution would be on the basis of existing exports as well as on incremental growth in exports.

(d) : The immediate aim and challenge before us is to accelerate our export growth to achieve our vision of at least 1% share of global trade by the year 2004-05.